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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 11-42, 09-197, and 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, January 6, 2015, Alliance for Excellent Education (Alliance) staff members Rachel Bird Niebling, Senior Policy and Advocacy Associate, and Chip Slaven, Counsel to the President and Senior Advocacy Advisor (the undersigned) met with staff from the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) and several other organizations to discuss modernization of the Lifeline Program. Additional attendees included John Windhausen, Jr. of the Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB), Tom Koutsky of Connected Nation, Randy Paris of Digital Promise, and Reg Leichty representing the Consortium for School Networking (COSN). The Commission was represented by Charles Eberle, Trent Harkrader, and Gigi Sohn. There was no formal agenda for the meeting and no material was distributed.

The Alliance's oral comments focused on closing the digital divide that is impacting the education of students across the nation. Comments included strong support for the Commission's current efforts to modernize Lifeline and include broadband which will provide students from low-income households more opportunities to learn when at home. Additionally, the Alliance communicated about the upcoming Digital Learning Day events and continued work with U.S. Department of Education around the Future Ready Schools initiative. Other topics discussed by meeting participants included ways to publicize the availability of the Lifeline program through schools, libraries, and other community institutions; what roles those organizations may play in Lifeline if the program expands to include broadband; and benchmarks for the program.

Please direct any further questions about the meeting to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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